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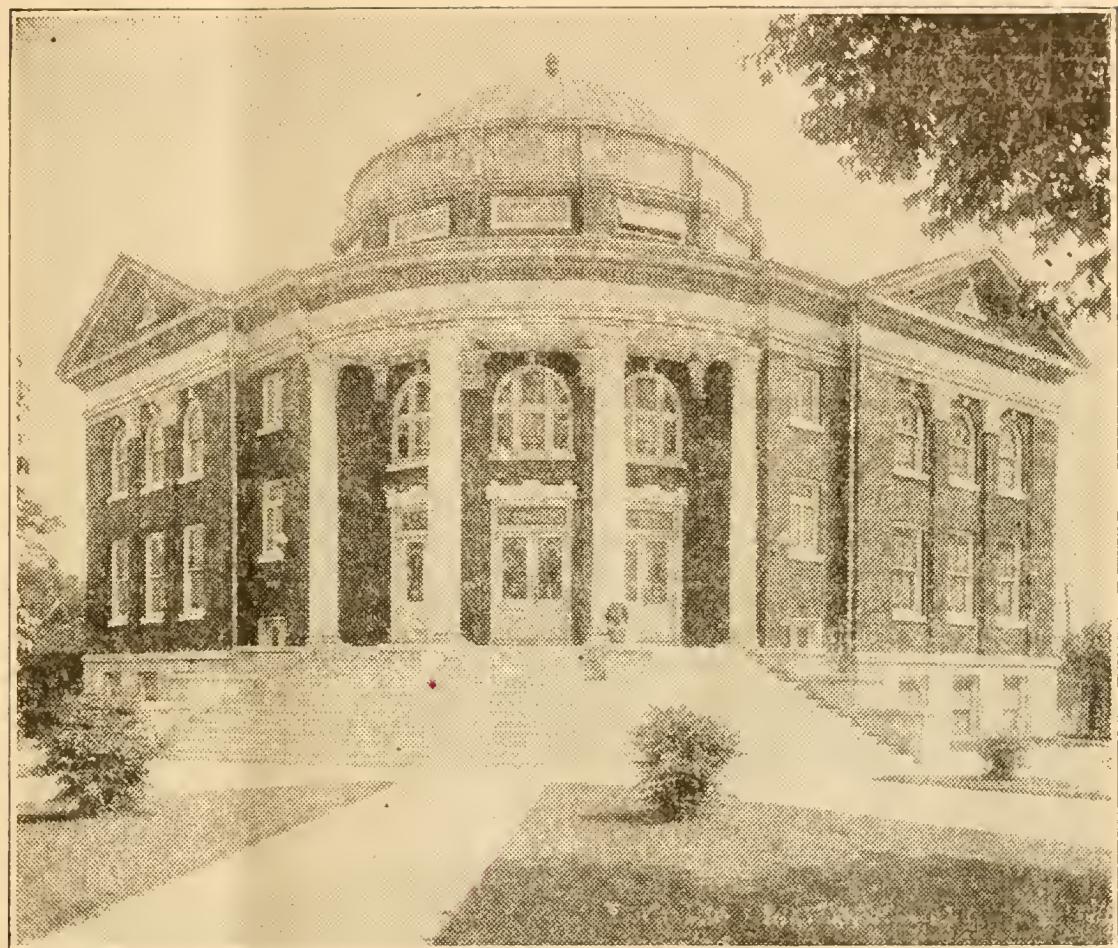
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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CLOVER
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CLOVER'S FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BUILDING

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History Read At the Celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of Its Found- ing, July 29th, 1931

Prepared By W. N. Jackson, Pat H. Hobson, Mrs. Dutrow
Matthews and Mrs. Emma Quinn.

About six miles east of Clover stands pastorate of Rev. James S. Adams, who Bethel Presbyterian church founded in was pastor of Bethel church 1811-1840. 1764, it being the third oldest church in Bethel Presbytery. Waxhaw was organized in 1755, and Catholic in 1759. Bethel is the "Mother Church" of some seven separate organizations—three in North Carolina: Olney, New Hope, and Union; and four in South Carolina: Allison Creek, Beth-Shiloh, Bowling Green and Clover.

Clover did not spring directly from Bethel, but rather from an outpost of Bethel known as Center, a place of worship located about one mile south of the present town of Clover. Center was never a regularly organized church recognized by the presbytery. Rev. R. A. Webb, Bethel pastor 1882-1888, in his "History of the Presbyterian Church of Bethel", published 1887, tells that, "An aged and pious member of some means was instrumental in the erection of a house for religious services on week-days for his own good and that of his poorer neighbors." The writers of this article have been unable to find out who this "aged and pious member" was.

Deed For Center Church.
Center church was built during the

The deed to the property was made by John Peters to the Trustees of Center church August 9, 1827, and was duly registered in the register's office in Yorkville December 5, 1829. Following is a copy of this deed:

YORK DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA

Know all men by these presents that I, John Peters, of the state and district aforesaid, do hereby in behalf of myself, my heirs and executors renounce all claim and title to two acres of land joining and lying around said church near the Rock Spring and known by the name of Center Presbyterian Church and do hereby relinquish all my right of said two acres of land with the use of the above named Rock Spring, as long as the above church shall exist in said place, and shall need said water. This relinquishment is made to the following men viz—James M. Pursley, James Pursley, Daniel Meshoe, Augusta Bryant and their successors in office to have and to hold for the uses above specified as witness my hand and seal this 9th August, 1827.

(SEAL) JOHN PETERS.

Witness present:

David Hemphill
Laban Suggs.

CLOVER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SOUTH CAROLINA—YORK DISTRICT.

This day personally came David Hemphill and Laban Suggs before me Jos. McKenzie one of the justice of said district and made oath that they saw John Peters sign, seal and deliver the within deed or relinquishment of the within mentioned premises for the use and purpose within mentioned.

Sworn to this 20th October, 1829.

LABAN SUGGS.

DAVID HEMPHILL.

JOS. MCKENZIE.

The pastors at Bethel supplied at Center and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered on the third Sunday in July of each year. No records have been found of any of the officers of Center church, it being an outpost of Bethel, the officers would naturally be officers of Bethel church much as is the condition now at Bethel Chapel.

The burial ground was located near the church and today there can be seen the graves of many who were buried in this hallowed spot. Some of the graves are not marked at all, except with field rocks, while others have hand-carved soapstone or marble markers. There are probably thirty or forty unmarked graves, while 11 have readable inscriptions. Following is a list of these:

Godfrey Beamguard, 1784-1839; James Floyd, 1765-1848; Sara A. Floyd, 1816-1856; Benjamine F. Fewell, 1840-1862; Sara Harvey, 1811-1862; Elizabeth Shaw, 1790-1865; Sara Floyd, 1775; 1872; Clarrissa Alexander, 1840-1872; Ezekiel Fewell, 1802-1880; Jane D. Fewell, 1810-1890; Archaball Harvey, no date.

Petition For Clover Church.

After the little village of Clover began to spring up, caused largely by the building of a narrow gaged railroad from Chester, S. C., to Lenoir, N. C. certain of the people in the community

felt that it would be well to have a church in the little town. To do this it was necessary to petition Bethel Presbytery. This was done and a copy of this petition follows, though no specific date can be given to it.

To The Presbytery of Bethel, Greetings:

We the undersigned office bearers, two elders and two deacons, and members of the Bethel church, having carefully consulted the wishes and feelings of our beloved pastor, Rev. S. L. Watson, and with the mutual consent and advice of the remaining office bearers, and members of the said Bethel church, and after much prayer to God the Father that we may be guided by His Holy Spirit for the upbuilding of the Kingdom of His Son—our Savior, and also having a growing village, five miles distant from said church, whose inhabitants, having no conveyance, are unable to attend the ordinances of God's house, do request your honorable body to give us the organization of a Presbyterian church to be known as Clover.

A. P. Campbell, (Elder), J. W. Beamguard, (Deacon), W. B. Smith, E. P. Smith, Mary Campbell, Carrie Campbell, Nannie W. Campbell, J. D. Guinn, M. I. Guinn, L. M. Ford, E. R. Currence, Eliza Knox, J. J. Wilson, (Elder), D. J. Jackson, (Deacon), E. E. Wright, S. L. Campbell, Rebecca Campbell, Mary D. Campbell, Jos A. Adams, Amanda Adams, W. E. Adams, Catherine Adams, D. J. Howe, Martha Howe, C. M. Parrott, Mary V. Parrott, Robert T. Smith, Jane A. Smith, Alice Smith, Myles Smith, Rebecca Smith, Rachael Cherry, Rufus Knox, Susan Knox, Harriet Knox, Rebecca Knox, Mary J. Jackson, C. C. Beamguard, Destimony Beamguard, Corrie Beamguard, J. R. Wallace, M. E. Thomas, J. W. Lawrence, Alice Lawrence.

This petition was duly granted by the Presbytery and the following commission was appointed "To perform this duty if the way be clear." Rev. J. L. Wilson, Rev. S. L. Watson, and Rev. T. R. English along with Elders Dr. A. P. Campbell, and S. Leroy Adams. The following were appointed alternates: Rev. R. F. Taylor, Rev. L. R. McCormick, and Rev. W. W. Ratchford along with Elders J. Mason and Leander Adams.

This petition was executed and the following is found in the session minutes:

The Commission appointed by Bethel Presbytery to organize a church at Clover, S. C., consisting of Revs. J. Lowrie Wilson, S. L. Watson, and T. R. English, and Elders A. P. Campbell and S. LeRoy Adams, met, according to appointment, in the Academy at Clover, S. C., at 11 a. m., Friday, July 29, 1881.

After a sermon by Rev. J. Lowrie Wilson from Is. 43:10 the organization of the commission was completed by the appointment of Rev. T. R. English as secretary. After a brief statement by the chairman, Rev. J. L. Wilson, of the action of the Presbytery, and the requirements of the constitution, the following persons presented certificates of dismission from the church with which they were respectively connected:

From Bethel—Curtis M. Parrott, Mrs. Mary Parrott, Mrs. Mary J. Jackson, Mrs. Mary E. Wood, Adam Beamguard, C. C. Beamguard, O. C. Beamguard, J. W. Beamguard, Mrs. Desdimony Beamguard, Miss Corrie Beamguard, Miss Lizzie Beamguard, Mrs. Lizzie Gillespie, John R. Wallace, John W. Lawrence, Mrs. Alice Lawrence, Mrs. Isabelle Fitchett, D. F. Jackson, Mrs. P. L. Jackson, Miss L. L. Jackson, Miss Lenora Fitchett, Myles Smith, Mrs. R.

A. Smith, W. B. Smith, Mrs. E. P. Smith, S. L. Campbell, Mrs. Rebecca Campbell, Miss Mary D. Campbell, J. D. Guinn, Mrs. M. Isabelle Guinn, Mrs. Susan Jackson, Robt. T. Smith, Mrs. Jane Smith, Miss Alice Smith, John F. Jackson, Mrs. M. Belle Jackson, W. E. Adams, Mrs. Catherine Adams, Jos. A. Adams, Mrs. Amanda Adams, Mrs. Eliza Adams, D. J. Howe, Mrs. Martha Howe, Mrs. Jane Fewell, Miss Mary Fewell, Jas. A. Webb, Mrs. Mary A. Webb, Wm. N. Abernathy, Mrs. Perilla Abernathy, Mrs. M. E. Thomas, A. P. Campbell, Mrs. Mary Campbell, Miss Carrie J. Campbell, Miss Nannie W. Campbell, Rufus J. Knox, Mrs. Susan Knox, Mrs. Lillie M. Ford, Miss Harriet A. Knox, Miss Rebecca Knox, Mrs. Emily C. Wright, Miss Rachael Cherry, Daniel J. Forbes, Mrs. Emma Forbes, James A. Wilson, Miss E. R. Currence, Mrs. Rachael Jackson, Miss Lucinda Jackson, Mrs. Elizabeth Pursley, J. N. McCall, Mrs. Dolla M. McCall, Mrs. Rebecca Allen, J. B. Pegram, Miss Loreenna B. Adams, Mrs. Sallie Davis, Miss Loreenna Davis, Mrs. Emily Currence, Miss Amanda Adams, John A. Glenn, Mrs. Margaret Stacy, Miss Teresa Barry, Miss Jane E. Barry.

From Yorkville—J. J. Smith, Mrs. Jane Smith.

Yorkville Methodist—Mrs. Y. A. Beamguard.

From Tirzah A. R. P.—John R. Barron.

Charter Members Living.

Below is a list of the charter members now living, July 29, 1931:

Mrs. Mary E. Wood.

Miss Alice Smith

Mr. John F. Jackson. —

Mrs. M. Belle Jackson —

Mrs. Nannie Campbell Choate —

Mr. Rufus J. Knox

Mrs. Emma Forbes

CLOVER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Mr. John R. Barron

Mrs. M. D. Matthews

From July 29, 1881 to December 6, 1882, Clover was supplied by Rev. S. L. Watson and Rev. W. G. White as stated supplies, though the following filled the pulpit at intervals: Rev. T. R. English, Rev. R. A. Webb, Rev. J. Lowrie Wilson, and Rev. W. T. Matthews.

A congregational meeting was held at Clover church November 1, 1882, for the purpose of electing a pastor. The minutes of this meeting show that a Mr. J. A. Boyd nominated Rev. M. R. Kirkpatrick of the Mecklenburg Presbytery, who was duly elected and the following committee was appointed to prosecute this call for Rev. M. R. Kirkpatrick: Dr. A. P. Campbell and Mr. John R. Barron. Rev. M. R. Kirkpatrick began preaching December 6, 1882, but was not installed until May 5th, 1883.

During the year 1881 a dwelling was built by Mr. J. A. Wilson. Upon his leaving Clover this building was purchased as a manse for the sum of \$900. With some additional changes, it is now occupied by Mr. Thos. T. B. Williams.

It is to be presumed that work had been done in the Sunday school before Rev. M. R. Kirkpatrick came, however, on January 21, 1883, the minutes show that the Sunday school was re-organized with the following officers and teachers:

Rev. M. R. Kirkpatrick, superintendent.

Mr. J. A. Boyd, assistant superintendent.

Mr. W. B. Smith, secretary.

Old Folks, Class No. 1—Teacher, Rev. M. R. Kirkpatrick.

Young Men, Class No. 2—Teacher, Mr. J. A. Boyd.

Intermediate, male, Class No. 3—

Teacher, Mr. J. D. Gwin.

Little boys, Class No. 4—Teacher, Mrs. Jane Smith.

Young ladies, Class No. 5—Teacher, Dr. A. P. Campbell.

Large girls, Class N. 6—Teacher, Mrs. A. P. Campbell.

Little girls, Class No. 7—Teacher, Mr. J. J. Smith.

Infants, Class No. 8—Teacher, Mrs. J. A. Boyd.

Call For Pastor.

Rev. M. R. Kirkpatrick was called for three-fourths of his time, Shiloh asking for the other fourth. This arrangement continued until Shiloh was transferred to Mecklenburg Presbytery at her own request October 7, 1884. This left Rev. M. R. Kirkpatrick with one-fourth of his time vacant until arrangements were made with Black's church, now called Blacksburg, who called him for one-fourth of his time.

Under the kind but exacting leadership of Rev. M. R. Kirkpatrick Clover church made much progress. He was an untiring worker, going in and out among his people as a representative of his Christ. He was especially interested in his Sunday school work and thereby did much for the future citizens of Clover by giving them wholesome instruction.

Rev. M. R. Kirkpatrick resigned March 1, 1891. Clover was fortunate in having him for its head during its formative period.

Call For Rev. S. H. Hay.

At a congregational meeting held April 26, 1891, Rev. S. H. Hay was called. At this time he was pastor at Uriel. However, he had previously been in Charleston Presbytery.

Clover, as has been stated above, had made fine progress during her first ten years and the minutes of the session

dated April 1, 1891, show the following condition:

Elders, 4; Deacons, 4; Communicants added 9 (for the past year); Total communicants, 135; Infants baptized 3; Total benevolent funds collected, \$104.90.

J. D. Gwin, Clerk Session.

The minutes of August 7, 1892, have appropriate resolutions offered upon the death of Dr. A. P. Campbell, one of the pillars of the church. A page has been left blank in honor of his memory.

In reading over the minutes of the sessions in those early days one is struck with the frequency of the calls on the part of the session to the members of the church to come before the session and explain why they had not attended church services regularly or why they had not lived up to other vows taken up joining the church.

From 1881 to 1905 the church had grown from the original 84 charter members to 160 communicants.

Rev. H. J. Mills Becomes Pastor.

Rev. S. H. Hay, resigned October 1, 1907. A committee was appointed to get in touch with available preachers and on January 19, 1908, Rev. H. J. Mills took up his duties as pastor of the church. On April 10, 1910, a congregational meeting appointed a committee to go before the Presbytery and ask that Clover church be allowed to change the terms of its call to Rev. H. J. Mills. this change to be as follows: That Clover be allowed to have Rev. H. J. Mills as full time pastor and that the salary be raised from \$500 to not less than \$1,000 per year. For the past several years the Closer pastor had preached two Sundays at Clover and two at Beersheba.

On July 2, 1910, senior Elder Mr. J. J. Smith died and in the minutes fit-

ting resolutions are found. Mr. Smith served his church faithfully and well for more than a quarter of a century, rarely failing to meet with the session when it was called.

June 18, 1911, Bethel Presbytery was asked to allow Clover pastor, Rev. H. J. Mills, to give one-half time to Bowling Green church and one-half to Clover and that Clover pay \$600 per year toward his salary. This was allowed and continued until Rev. H. J. Mills resigned July 15, 1913.

Rev. A. A. McLain.

At a congregational meeting held October 12, 1913, Rev. A. A. McLain, of Mangum Presbytery, Oklahoma, was called. He was installed November 16, 1913. From the year 1905 to 1918 Clover had made rapid gain in her membership. The town had grown rapidly and there were now 313 communicants on the roll. September 30, 1918, the congregation, by a unanimous vote, decided to ask Bethel Presbytery to allow them to have a full time pastor. Rev. A. A. McLain having resigned August 18, 1918. It was during the pastorate of Rev. A. A. McLain that a definite movement was started to build a new church, however, the World war stopped this temporarily.

New Church Built.

Rev. J. E. Berryhill of Kings Mountain Presbytery was called as full time pastor and began his duties November 17, 1918. It was during his pastorate that Clover built the present fine church building.

This building was begun in May or June, 1921, and completed April, 1923. Before the main auditorium was completed services were held in the basement. Mr. H. L. Ramseur of Kings Mountain, N. C., was the foreman on the job, the work being done by day labor. The cost of this building was

about \$45,000.

Sunday, April 2, 1922, Rev. J. E. Berryhill preached the first sermon in the basement of the new church building, his very appropriate text being Psalm 122:1: "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord."

The first sermon in the new church auditorium was preached by Rev. Alexander Martin, D. D., of Rock Hill, on June 3, 1923. Text, Psalm 127:1: "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain who build it."

Rev. J. E. Berryhill resigned September 17, 1922.

Revs. J. B. Belk and J. R. Hay.

Rev. J. B. Belk of Piedmont, S. C., was next called and began his pastorate September 2, 1923, and resigned September 28, 1924. This was a very short pastorate; however, many remember Rev. J. B. Belk as a man of God who had in his heart a love for the young people and one who did a great work with them in his short stay with us.

On December 21, 1924, Rev. John R. Hay of Brevard, N. C., became the pastor. He did not stay very long, but while here made many friends who hated to see him go. He was very active in Young People's work, especially in the C. E. and Boy Scouts. He resigned January 9, 1927.

Rev. W. S. Patterson.

Clover was without a pastor until September 18, 1927, when a call was issued to Rev. W. S. Patterson of Prattville, Ala. Rev. Mr. Patterson preached his first sermon November 6, 1927. Under his leadership Clover church has made wonderful progress. The debt on the new church building has been paid and fitting dedicatory exercises were held May 4, 1930, Rev. John

McSween, President Presbyterian College, preaching the sermon. The church mortgage was burned in the presence of the congregation by Mr. M. L. Smith and Mr. J. E. Beamguard. A new manse has been erected at a cost of approximately \$12,000. Built June 2, 1928-Feb. 1929. The church membership has increased 150 and the Sunday school is in a very healthy condition. There are 450 communicants now on the roll and the Sunday school has approximately 490 members. There are 38 officers and teachers.

Some Interesting "Side Lights."

The first church was built during the year 1881, known as the "Dry Year." Mr. Geo. Ford foreman and Mr. W. I. Brison, Mr. M. L. Ford and Mr. John Brandon as carpenters. The contract price was \$1,200 without the steeple, it being added later. The lumber was sawed on the first "circle saw" mill ever to come into the community it being located about one mile east of Clover near the Green Pond negro church. This same saw mill is now at the home of Mr. John Bank Jackson about one and one-half miles north of Clover. All the lumber that was planed had to be done by hand and the larger timbers were hewn out with broad axes. Most of this lumber was gotten out somewhere in the neighborhood of the Green Pond section. The main part of the building was 40 ft. by 55 ft. without gallery or balcony. A vestibule was built at the end of the building 5 ft. by 28 ft. with two doors opening to the outside and two into the auditorium. The pulpit was built on two levels the larger being about 24 feet wide and 6 feet deep, while the smaller one above this was about 14 feet wide and 8 feet deep. The upper part of this pulpit is now in the basement of the present building. The first organ used in the first church is now in the dome of

the new building, and some of the first seats are in the basement, others are in the city hall. The same old bell used in the first church is the one used today to call God's people to worship. The present pulpit chairs were used in the old church. Also the small table now used by the Sunday school superintendent.

Work of the Women.

The history of no church is complete without due notice being taken of the work of its noble women, this is doubtless true of our church. It has been through their highly and efficiently organized societies that much lasting good has come to our congregation.

The records are not entirely clear as to the work done prior to the year 1887. However, in this year the pastor, Rev. M. R. Kirkpatrick, became the president of the "Ladies Aid Society," and his good wife became a very earnest worker with him in organizing the women of the church. This society continued to do great good for the church through the pastorate of the second pastor, Rev. S. H. Hay, but when the third pastor, Rev. H. J. Mills, came he said that a woman should be the head of the woman's work and this honor fell upon Mrs. F. E. Clinton, now of Rock Hill, S. C. Through her untiring effort much good was accomplished. The charter members of this original Aid Society were: Mrs. M. D. Matthews, Mrs. Martin Dickson, Mrs. Dave Fitchett, Mrs. Jane McFadden Smith, Mrs. John Knox, Miss Lizzie Currence, Mrs. Amanda Adams, Mrs. Emily Adams Currence, Mrs. S. A. Smith, Mrs. Reuben McCall, Mrs. Alice Lawrence, Mrs. Mary J. Campbell Jackson, Miss Amanda Adams, Mrs. E. P. Smith, and Mrs. Lorena Adams Currence.

It seemed that "free will" offerings were taken at each of the monthly

meetings and this was used to purchase needy supplies at the manse and the church. A handsome individual communion service and a pulpit Bible were among the many things bought. Both of these are now in regular use.

The society changed its name about 1909 to "The Missionary Society" and then again about 1917 this society voted to be included in the Woman's Auxiliary, which had been organized in 1914 with Mrs. M. L. Smith as its first president. Mrs. R. A. Jackson was the second president of the auxiliary. Following is a list of the presidents up to date:

Mrs. M. L. Smith, 1914-1915; Mrs. R. A. Jackson, 1916-1917; Mrs. Minnie Morton, 1918; Mrs. J. A. Page, Sr., 1919; Mrs. M. J. Clinton, 1920; Mrs. C. N. Alexander, 1921-1922; Mrs. J. A. Page, Sr., 1923-1924; Mrs. O. A. Neil, 1925-1926; Mrs. R. A. Jackson, 1927-1928; Mrs. J. L. Houston, 1929; Mrs. W. S. Patterson, 1929; Mrs. Macy Sealy, 1930-1931.

Circles Organized.

A plan had been talked of during the efficient administration of Mrs. R. A. Jackson that would have for its purpose the dividing of the women of the church into "circles". Owing to the flu epidemic in 1918 and the effect of the great World war this plan was not carried out until about 1920, under the leadership of Mrs. S. J. Clinton. This plan has been a great blessing to our church as it has brought all the church women together into a common cause and a united working body. It might be said here that the women of the Presbyterian church are the best organized of any of the denominations and it is hoped by many of the laymen leaders of the church that the men will get together in an organization that will function much as does

the auxiliary.

Pipe Organ Installed.

In 1924 soon after the new church building had been finished the ladies auxiliary decided that with a little help from the men of the church they would buy and install a pipe organ, this was done in 1924 by M. P. Moller, Hagerstown, Md., at a cost of about \$4,500. The ladies agreeing to pay \$4,000 in four years—they paid this off in three years. The ladies paid \$1,000 on the seats for the new building.

At present the ladies are paying \$750 a year on the new manse and their total budget is well above \$1,500. There are 10 circles with a membership of 176.

The committee appointed to write this article is very grateful to many of the friends of the church who have so willingly helped to make this paper possible, to name each individually would be an endless task almost. However, they would like to thank especially the following: Mr. John Frank Jackson and The Yorkville Enquirer.

Elders of Clover Presbyterian Church Since Organization.

Installed—

- July 29, 1881—Dr. A. P. Campbell.
- July 29, 1881—J. D. Gwin.
- July 29, 1881—J. J. Smith.
- July 29, 1881—J. A. Wilson.
- April 29, 1882—J. A. Boyd.
- May 10, 1885—John Q. Howe.
- Nov. 10, 1892—John F. Jackson.
- Nov. 19, 1892—D. T. Partlow.
- May 2, 1902—J. Walter Smith.
- May 2, 1902—Elias C. Jackson.
- May 2, 1902—John L. Stacy.
- Nov. 5, 1905—W. E. Adams.
- Aug. 6, 1911—James A. Page.
- Aug. 6, 1911—W. T. Beamguard.
- May 7, 1916—R. L. Wylie.
- May 7, 1916—Starr N. Stacy.

- May 9, 1920—L. H. Jackson.
- Jan. 5, 1924—S. A. Sifford.
- Jan. 5, 1924—Dr. M. B. Neil.
- Jan. 5, 1924—S. J. Clinton.
- Dec. 19, 1926—A. M. Suggs.
- Dec. 19, 1926—S. B. Beamguard.
- Dec. 19, 1926—V. C. Stroup.
- Dec. 19, 1926—W. H. Ford.

Deacons of Clover Presbyterian Church Since Organization.

Installed—

- July 29, 1881—J. W. Beamguard.
- July 29, 1881—J. W. Lawrence.
- July 29, 1881—J. R. Barron.
- July 29, 1881—J. B. Pegram.
- July 29, 1881—R. T. Smith.
- May 10, 1885—John Frank Jackson.
- Oct. 23, 1887—R. A. Matthews.
- Nov. 19, 1892—S. M. Faries.
- Nov. 19, 1892—R. E. Jackson.
- Nov. 19, 1892—Elias C. Jackson.
- Feb. 2, 1902—John B. Jackson.
- Feb. 2, 1902—James E. Beamguard.
- Feb. 2, 1902—J. Meek Smith.
- Feb. 2, 1902—Herbert L. Wright.
- Nov. 5, 1905—W. N. Jackson.
- May 7, 1916—G. W. Knox.
- May 7, 1916—S. J. Clinton.
- May 7, 1916—R. A. Jackson.
- May 9, 1920—W. B. Moore.
- Jan. 15, 1924—V. Q. Hambright.
- Jan. 15, 1924—M. L. Smith.
- Jan. 15, 1924—W. Hope Ford.
- Jan. 15, 1924—C. N. Alexander.
- Jan. 15, 1924—Marshall S. Barnett.
- Dec. 19, 1926—G. W. Pleasants.
- Dec. 19, 1926—W. P. Smith.
- Dec. 19, 1926—J. Sam Jackson.
- Dec. 19, 1926—W. McClain Ford.
- Dec. 19, 1926—O. E. Ford.

Ministers Who Have Served The Church.

- Rev. S. L. Watson—Stated Supply.
- Rev. W. G. White—Stated Supply.
- Rev. J. Lowry Wilson—Pulpit Supply.
- Rev. T. R. English—Pulpit Supply.
- Rev. R. A. Webb—Pulpit Supply.

Rev. W. T. Mathews—Pulpit Supply. Adams, W. T. Beamguard, S. N Stacy, Rev. M. R. Kirkpatrick, Dec. 1882—L. H. Jackson, S. A. Sifford, Dr. M. B. Neil, A. M. Suggs, S. B. Beamguard, V. March 1891.

Rev. S. H. Hay—July 1891—October C. Stroup, W. Hope Ford.

1907.

Rev. H. J. Mills, January 1908—July 1913—Deacons—Jas. E. Beamguard, Chairman; J. B. H. Jackson, J. Meek Smith,

Rev. A. A. McClain—November 1913—Wm. N. Jackson, Geo. W. Knox, R. A. Jackson, W. B. Moore, V. Q. Ham-

September 1918.

Rev. J. E. Berryhill—November 1918—J. Sam Jackson, W. McLain Ford, O.

September 1922.

Rev. J. B. Belk—September 1923—Sunday School—R. L. Wylie, Super-

September 1924.

Rev. J. R. Hay—December 1924—January 1927. Supt. Beginners' and Primary Department; Mrs. W. S. Patterson, Superin-

Rev. W. S. Patterson—November 1927—tendent Junior Department.

1927

Sunday School Superintendents: Mr. J. A. Wilson, Mr. J. A. Boyd, Rev. M. R. Kirkpatrick, Mr. J. D. Gwinn, Mr. S. N. Stacy, Mr. W. T. Beamguard, Dr. R. L. Wylie. Woman's Auxiliary—Mrs. Macie P. Sealey, President; Mrs. O. A. Nell, Vice-President; Mrs. D. F. Curry, Secretary; Mrs. Gray McElwee, Benevolent Treasurer; Mrs. Emma Quinn, Local Treasurer.

Directory.

Rev. W. S. Patterson, Pastor.

Session—R. L. Wylie, Clerk; J. Walker, Elias C. Jackson, W. E.

Choir—Miss Louise Smith, Organist;

Miss Lavinia Campbell, Asst. Organist;

J. Meek Smith, Director; V. Q. Ham-bright, Assistant Director.

Officers installed since July 29 1931 to Oct 28 1942

Elders

July 29 1934

R. W. Love

R. H. Capps

W. H. Smith

R. M. Robinson

April 14 1940

E. H. Smith

M. R. Dickson

W. W. Inman

J. E. Knox

N. I. Smith

V. D. McKinney

S. P. Brison

H. L. Wright JJr.

W. N. Jackson

H. E. Sneed

1941

J. Meek Smith

J. E. Beamguard

1942

J. L. Adams

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